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AMENDMENT AND REPLY ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply accompanies a Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified case, and responds to the Advisory Action of January 10, 2005 and the Final Office Action dated September 22, 2004. Applicants also request a one month extension of time, and include the fee for that extension in the accompanying check. With that extension of time, this Amendment and Reply, and the accompanying RCE, is due on Saturday, January 22, 2005, and is timely filed on Monday January 24, 2005.

Entry of Prior Reply

Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment and Reply Under 37 CFR 1.116, dated December 22, 2004, before considering the Amendment below. As indicated in the Advisory Action dated January 10, 2005, the December 22, 2004 Amendment and Reply was not previously entered because they were believed to raise new issues that would require a new search.

Amendments

Please enter the following amendments in this case.